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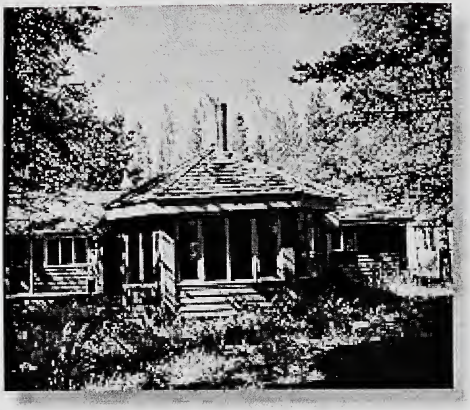

The Castle Mountain Hostel - one stop on this year's Congress itinerary

Thursday,
February 18
to
Monday,
February 23

Itinerary

- Thursday
  - Welcome Wine and Cheese and Registration at the Big Rock Brewery. Come sample the taste and drink your travel strains away at the West's most popular micro-brewery!
  - Check-in at the Crossroads Hotel (2120-16 Ave. NE Calgary, Alberta T2E 1L4, Phone: (403) 291-4666 Fax: (403) 291-6498)
- Friday
  - Congress proceedings
  - Pub Crawl
- Saturday
  - Continue with Congress Proceedings
  - Zabava
- Sunday (Optional)
  - Ski Day in Banff
  - Dinner in Banff (accommodations for this night will be at Castle Mountain Youth Hostel, outside Banff)

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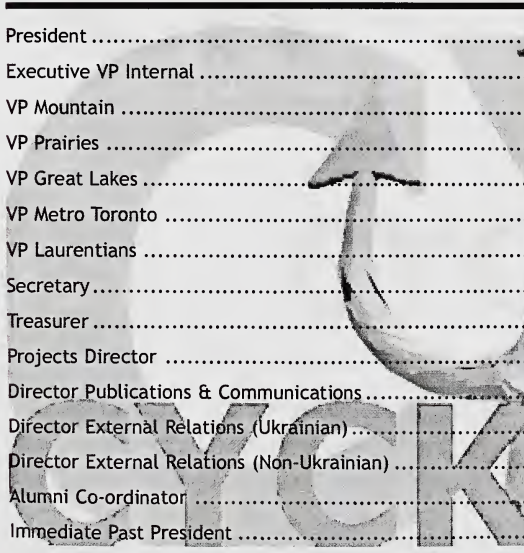

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President's Message

A message from your friendly neighbourhood SUSK President

Welcome Back!

Another long, yet fun-filled school year has crept up upon us once again. This year is going to be extra special! With the old Millenium on the verge of extinction, it is time to put our everyday routines aside and celebrate the coming of a new Millenium. Even though some students are not known to work long hours, or party that hard in other parts of the world, here in Canada, with the help of SUSK, it will be a very intensive, busy and exciting year for all Ukrainian students that are affiliated with our organization.

With the help of Taras, Orest, Yarko, Daria, Tyrsa, Anna, Mark, Roman, Pavlo, Pavlo, Danylo, Bohdan, Mike, Lisa, and Gena we are preparing to take SUSK to a new and different level. There is a great deal of anticipation and much excitement among this year's executive members. We hope that all of our dreams come true and that we can make SUSK a force to be recognized not only in Canada, but all over the world. We have already sent a delegate from SUSK to Ukraine for a conference this summer, and have made contacts with Ukrainian student leaders in the USA. SUSK Exec members were seen schmoozing with their counterparts from New York and New Jersey universities while taking in the sights of NYC.

We have many things planned in the upcoming year. They range from our Eastern and Western Conferences, to be held in Waterloo and Winnipeg respectively, to many regional events across the country. We hope to reach out to students in all parts of Canada and share with them some ideas on how to make their clubs even better then they already are, while creating a common sense of purpose. This year's Congrees is going to be awesome, and although it's still a ways down the road, Calgary has been on some of the Executives' minds since the last congress was held there, two years ago.

We encourage your active participation at all these events and we would particularly like to see more first year students coming out to them. You will have an opportunity to meet many wonderful and very interesting people from your area, as well as Ukrainian students from across all of Canada, and sometimes, other countries. So come out and see what SUSK is all about and what Ukrainian students from the other parts of Canada are up to, as well. Feel free to check out our Web site at www.susk.ca and drop me a line.

Yours in SUSK,

Lubko Belej
SUSK President

Eastern Conference

SUSK to rock Waterloo's Oktoberfest

by Orest Szczurko

As some of the veterans know, every year the city of Waterloo, including our two Universities, celebrate Oktoberfest for a week. This orgy of drinking, partying, and general hung-over procrastination starts on a Friday afternoon of one weekend, and culminates in a serious bash on the Saturday, a week later. (Even the politicians get into it - a few years ago Waterloo's mayor got busted for drunk-driving on that very Saturday night).

Being the active members of our city, University, and Ukrainian communities, the Ukrainian Students Club at the University of Waterloo decided that there could be no better time than the last weekend of Octoberfest for the annual SUSK Eastern Conference. The Octoberfest "nocturnal gatherings" provide a perfect opportunity to relax and expend some stored up energy after some very informative speeches.

After much contemplation and advice the club decided to focus the conference on Students Clubs, dealing with specific issues clubs face. In our own club, fund raising, club meetings, and general interest in Ukraine's youth activities prevailed - thus that is what you will hear about.

Being a very organized club, we have been working on the conference since February, booking some of the most attractive rooms at U Waterloo. This has worked to our advantage, since last week we were in the position to say no to an appeal from IBM to give them the rooms we've got reserved. My dear Ukrainian brethren, do not make the mistake that this is the only example of the royal importance our USK clubs representatives will receive.

We've also got VIP treatment for both nights out: the Friday student pub (BOMBER) and Saturday OctoberFest, and more... All these special privileges did not come easy, we had to wheel and deal, lose some members and contract out our first born children but we did it ... all in the name of SUSK and this conference

So, the least you could do is COME!

The Conference will start on Friday, October 16 and continue 'till Sunday, October 18. The cost is $45, and includes all the meals, some drinks, and entertainment costs. You will also be billeted, since getting rooms at a hotel that weekend will be impossible!

Find out what happened at Oktoberfest in the next issue of Student!

SUSK makes contribution to Toronto Festivities

by Pavlo Horbal

What is the end of August known for? Heralding the end of summer vacation? Teasing you with Labour Day? Being two months before my birthday? Well, all of these are correct, but to millions of Ukrainians around the world, the end of August signals Independance Day celebrations.

During the weekend of August 22-23, Ukrainians in the Greater Toronto Area marked their motherland's independence in style. The annual Bloor West Village parade and festival took place, followed by a day of concerts, speeches and partying at the Kyiv oselia in Oakville, Ontario.

Naturally, SUSK members were out en force to add their beautiful faces to the mix and put their immeasurable brawn to use - along with their unparalleled intellects. On the 22nd, SUSKites were seen organizing parade floats and marshalling the parade down Toronto's Bloor Street. Later in the day, they were seen distributing beer to the parched festival goers out enjoying the wonderful exhibitions on stage and the fantastic weather.

However, the human dynamos that we call colleauges weren't done yet. The very next day, up with the crack of dawn, SUSK's loyal members were collecting admission, parking cars and basically helping make the Kyiv festivities a success!

Right about now, you're thinking to yourself: "hey, wait a second, it sounds like those SUSK people were just foot soldiers for the organizers." Well, you're right. Almost. Because on Sunday afternoon, SUSK took over the entire affair at Kyiv! That's right, with the help of Kari Ochi, SUSK's Independance Day Pub managed to attract more than a few party-goers - even on a (usually quiet) Sunday night.

So kids, the moral of the story is: next year when Independence Day rolls around, ditch your flag-waving-on-my-porch-drinking-Perlova plans and come out and join the SUSK-fun, at the SUSK-fantastic SUSK-festivities in Bloor West Village and the GTA!

Mis-cella-neous.

Congratulations! to Past President Gena Slawuta and past Treasurer Michael Kornylo on the occasion of their **wedding** Saturday September 5, 1998.

Upcoming events in Ottawa:

November 3
UCPBA Members' Evening
with Tamara Petraznyk, Investment Advisor, Nesbitt Burns
Contact: Oksana Yarosh (820-4105)

December 7
Ukrainian World Congress

Congratulations! I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Bohdan Horich. As some of you might know, Bohdan has accepted a job opportunity in Ukraine working with the Canadian Embassy. He is going to be in Ukraine for the next year or so, and we wish Bohdan all the best, and hope that he makes Canada and SUSK proud.
On behalf of SUSK we wish you all the best.
Lubko Belej
SUSK President

Want to add your own event or classified? Write to:
student@susk.ca

Alumni News

SUSK Founding Father passes away

Dr. Bohdan Bociurkiw 1925 - 1998

By Lisa McDonald

On October 1, Dr. Bohdan Bociurkiw, SUSK's first Vice-President 1953-1954, passed away at his home following a lengthy illness. He was 73 years old. The deceased was laid to rest in Edmonton on October 7. Dr. Bociurkiw was born in Ukraine in Buchach in 1925, immigrated to Canada in 1947 where he married Vera Wasylyshyn in 1950. Together they raised six children many of whom are former SUSK members.

Dr. Bociurkiw was president of the Zarevo Ukrainian Students' Club at the University of Manitoba, 1951 - 1953 and faculty advisor of the Zarevo Ukrainian Students' Club at the University of Alberta from 1957. In 1953, 45 years ago, Dr. Bociurkiw was co-founder and first vice-president of the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union (SUSK). His son, Mychailo followed in his father's footsteps and joined the SUSK executive as president from 1982-1984. Daughter-in-law, Olya Lisoway-Bociurkiw was the artist of the 45th Anniversary Commemorative artwork print.

Dr. Bociurkiw began his academic career from 1956-69 at the University of Alberta as a professor of political Science. In 1969, he went on to Carelton University in Ottawa where he retired in 1992. Dr. Bociurkiw has edited a number of collections and has published over 70 papers. In addition to his work in the student community, Dr. Bociurkiw became deeply involved in a number of areas in the Ukrainian community. At Carleton University, in 1969, he served as founding director of the Institute of Soviet and Eastern European Studies. He was also very involved with the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies (CIUS), Ukrainian Canadian Professional and Business Association, Harvard Ukrainian Studies, and was a Fellow of the Shevchenko Scientific Society among other community involvements.

Dr. Bociurkiw leaves behind his wife Vera, children Taras(Olya), Roman, Michael, Jeannie, Marusia and Lida . He will be dearly missed by those who knew him.

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Special Report

from KYK Congress

by Lisa McDonald

So I attended my first KYK National Congress this past Thanksgiving Weekend as a representative of SUSK. They have one every three years. When other people were giving thanks for turkey and thanksgiving I gave thanks to KYK. These guys have their hands in everything, and so they should. They represent all Ukrainian organizations and quite the umbrella they are. I had no idea.

There were about 280 of us at this congress. I managed to make a number of acquaintances as well as schmooze a lot. It was not surprising to me that a lot if SUSK alumni were at this conference and as Alumni Director I was pleased to make acquaintance with an number of these prominent individuals.

The big things discussed at KYK in my opinion were these three: Communication; Youth; and Deportation and Denaturalization.

Just like every other organization communication is always an issue. Just about everyone at this Congress had something to say about communication, the way it is done and lack of it. I know in SUSK this has always been an issue. When the executive is in the West the East feels left out and vice versa. You know a number of people came up to me and asked, "So what is SUSK up to these days?" and you know what, I could barely answer. "I don't know I replied, I'm sort of out of the loop." It's unfortunate that this is how people involved in organizations have to feel and I found out that it was not from a lack of trying to be informed. KYK's answer to the communication problem in workshop sessions was to add a position to their executive of a Communications Director. We have such a position already, I hope it works for them. They are also going to set up a webpage for themselves as well as become more computer active.

Molodi, molodi molodi was all I seemed to hear at Congress. Sometimes I think they were directing the conversation right to me, but I'm not really the one they need to pull in, it's you. I was quite disappointed at the turnout of under 30 year olds, but was told that this has been one of the biggest turnouts. Hmmmm. I know that CYM, Plast, SUSK, CYMK, etc., were all represented, even some by young people.

As an aside, why aren't youth organizations sending their youth instead of the executives of the head offices to this thing. Hmmm..train the future, I say. Mike Ilnyckyj suggested to me that it would have been nice to have a side session to get the youth together at least to meet. Great Idea! KYK National is not responsible for getting youth involved but each organization that belongs to KYK provincial or city branches should be having membership drives. Dancing groups, youth groups, choirs etc. are the focus of this drive. But the thing is these people don't come to this Congress, because they are members only at a local level.

Perhaps KYK National should look at the reason youth are not attending is because membership at the National level disregards all the small frys that may be involved at a local level. I know most local student clubs probably didn't even know that this congress was going on or that they could attend. In this case it's not KYK's fault but SUSK's for not disseminating the info. But see, that's the same with other organizations. For example CYM (I can talk about them here because I belong) sent some people from it's National Executive. Well how much of what went on is going to disseminate down. Figolizmakom! Doolu! Pretty much nothing. Perhaps instead of sending Executive rep's, we and other organizations should send one person from each local club and KYK locals should be promoting to every Uki group in their city. In three years, we should be seeing a Shumka rep., a Waterloo Ukrainian Students club rep. and a kid from Plast in Calgary there.

Then there was the D and D issue, as it is becoming familiarly known as. I was brought to tears by Olya Odynskay-Grod's retelling of her family's plight with the potential deportation and denaturalization of her father. This issue was a hot topic at this Congress. At one point, one of the proposed resolutions was to call for Justice Minister Anne McLellan's resignation. Luckily cooler heads prevailed, as KYK's delegates voted in one resolution to make the D and D issue a priority for KYK. And priorities for KYK mean priorities for ALL its underlings, including us.

SUSK was mentioned a number of times as being involved in this issue. Let's keep up the good work. Some of the more militant acquaintances of mine suggested that SUSK should regain some of it's

former glory, another said that SUSK is asleep. I think that in some ways they may be right. I've seen in the National Archives some of the things SUSK used to do, we were right in there with demonstrations, hunger strikes, you know the more militant behaviour in the good old days. It sounded like a great era, but SUSK has changed. But you know what, there is no reason that we cannot go to Ottawa and hold up a few placards saying that we do not support D and D. Perhaps we can even organize it as a community effort. Boy would that get us noticed and wake us up.

A big thing at congress was that "KYK needs to be Pro-active." This congress was a great start as they usually are, let's just hope that when the ball gets rolling it will be on somewhat of a slope to keep the momentum going. All in all I think SUSK is doing pretty good in a number of areas, but as KYK needs to work on a few things so do we. We've got a lot of youth involvement, well duh! That should not be a surprise. But let's get them even more involved, by informing them of everything and working for them to be involved. We're on the ball with computer stuff. But similarly to KYK and other organizations, our communication is sometimes weak. I think if everyone just let's us know what is going on, even if it is nothing, then at least we will all feel informed and be able to answer the question . "So what is SUSK (replace with any other acronym) up to these days?".

The new president of KYK National for the next three years is Evhen Choilij (Montreal). SUSK congratulates him and wishes him the best of luck and we wish to reaffirm our role in KYK as organizers of Ukrainian students in Canada and KYK supporters.

Besides all of this, the great time I had was witnessed by my lack of sleep and the empty bottles that filled each room I was entertained or was the entertainment in. I renewed some old friendships, strengthened some that already existed and met some great people.

You know I always go to these conferences, congresses, meetings, whatever and I get really fired up. It feels good to be a part of this community and the things it stands for. I hope that everybody had a great Thanksgiving Weekend, I know I did and I've already written in my daytimer the date of the next KYK Congress.. October 12 - 15, 2001. I don't want to miss a thing.

Lisa was SUSK's Delegate to KYK Congress and is currently serving as SUSK Alumni and Archives Director. She also considers herself to be an "all-round great gal and weirdo attracter."

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